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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS

REUTER MARCH 13 REPORT FROM CHICAGO STATES THAT

BEGIN QUOTE:

PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONTINUING TO REDUCE TROOP STRENGTH ON TAIWAN... HE MADE THE REMARKS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CHICAGO SUN TIMES AS HE COMPLETED A TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN TRIP IN ILLINOIS. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT U.S. TROOP STRENGTH ON TAIWAN WAS 10,000 WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN CHINA IN 1972 PLEDGING THAT THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES WAS THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS ON TAIWAN. HE ADDED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 3,000 U.S. TROOPS ON THE ISLAND AND THAT THE REDUCTIONS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE COMMUNIQUE'S PLEDGE WAS

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END QUOTE.

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